Out of the total land requirement of 35.4 Acres for the two sewage treatment plants, 26.5 Acres of land has been already acquired. The acquisition process for the remaining land is in progress.

(f) Meetings with the State Government and the implementing agency are being held regularly and monitoring of progress of Detailed Project Report preparation and land acquisition on monthly basis through project Consultants is being done.

[English]

Passenger Amenities Cells

3170. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the South Central Railway has set up monitoring cells to oversee and ensure passenger amenities, cleanliness, punctuality and quality of catering services;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether the rail users have been asked to contact these monitoring cells to redress their complaints; and

(d) the extent to which these cells have been found helpful to the rail users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Monitoring Cells have been set up at Secunderabad, Zonal Headquarter of South Central Railway and in five Divisional Headquarters at Vijaywada, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Hubli and Guntakal.

(c) The names of nodal officers of these cells with their telephone numbers and FAX numbers have been advertised in newspapers to enable rail users approach them with their suggestions/complaints.

(d) Prompt action is initiated on these suggestions/complaints and they are effectively used as a feedback for improvement of services rendered to rail users.

New Railway Station at Khurigachi

3171. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of a demand for opening of a new Railway Station at Khurigachi between Bhadreswar and Baidyabati in the Howrah-Bandel section of Howrah Division of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The proposal for opening of passenger halt at Khurigachi between Baidyabati and Bhadreswar stations has been examined but not found justified on operational, engineering and financial grounds. Besides, the proposal has also not been found justified on passenger amenity grounds due to availability of other modes of transport for people to commute in that area.

[Translation]

Pollution in Gujarat

3172. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of industrial units of Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Jamnagar and other districts of Gujarat are causing environmental pollution;

(b) whether some Ministers of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assemblies, Environmentalists, organisations and prominent persons have submitted details and memoranda to the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the number and names of industrial units against whom petitions were submitted between January 1, 1990 and June 30, 1996; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to shift/close down these units alongwith the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) According to the Gujarat Pollution Control Board, certain chemical units located in Ahmedabad are having pollution potential. The units located in Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar area are generally having little pollution potential. The units situated in and around Ahmedabad in the industrial Estates of Naroda, Vatva and Odhav are dye and dye intermediates manufacturing units, textile processing units and other chemicals units, and are posing pollution problem mainly due to inadequate effluent collection and disposal system. A number of public interest litigations have been filed in the Gujarat High Court. The Hon. High Court has directed the industries to instal the Common Effluent Treatment Plants. The internal effluent system is also planned by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) in consultation with the Industries Association of the industrial estates.

(b) and (c). No specific complaint has been received against individual units but general complaints/memoranda have been received regarding the pollution problems in the industrial areas. However, a specific complaint regarding fish mortality was revives from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament on the incidents caused by effluent discharged by the Indian Rayon Corporation Ltd., Veraval, Dist. Jhunagadh. The State Board has directed the Indian Rayon Corporation to carry out a marine survey in this regard.

(d) The matter is subjudice and pending with the Hon. High Court of Gujarat.

Construction of Rail Line

3173. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for non-commencement of work regarding the construction of rail line from Gola Gokarannath to Farukhabad via Mohammadi, Shahjahanpur under N.E. Railway in Uttar Pradesh despite completion of survey work in this regard; and

(b) the time by which the work on this rail line would start in public interest alongwith the time by which the obstacles, if any, would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Due to unremunerativeness and constraint of resources.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Zonal Office at Bilaspur

3174. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations regarding opening up of a Zonal Office at Bilaspur (M.P.);

(b) if so, whether the Government have since acceded to the demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. A number of requests/representations have been received for setting up of a new zone at Bilaspur.

(b) and (c). The Government has decided to set up six additional Zonal Headquarters at Allahabad, Jaipur, Bangalore, Hajipur, Jabalpur and Bhubaneswar.

(d) The issue of reorganisation had been examined earlier by the Railway Reforms Committee and recently by an Advisers Committee neither of which had recommended the location of a Zonal headquarter at Bilaspur.

National Fertilizers Ltd.

3175. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s. Karsan Limited has threatened the National Fertilizers Ltd. with legal action for 'breach of contract'; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). The urea has not been supplied by M/s. Karsan Ltd. as per the stipulated time schedule indicated in the contract. Accordingly, M/s. National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) is filing Arbitration proceedings against M/s. Karsan Ltd. for breach of contract. However, M/s. Karsan Ltd. in one of their communication have intimated that necessary legal precautions will be applied by them against the Government of India.

[Translation]

Extension of Rail Line

3176. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the Salempur-Barhajpur rail line upto Doharighat;

(b) whether the Bhatni-Barhajpur train does not run on Sundays;

(c) whether the Government propose to run it daily; and

(d) whether the Government propose to start trains from Barhaj to Chhopra and Gorakhpur to Barhaj?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

[English]

Fake Currency Notes

3177. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :
SHRI SAYTAJITSINH DULIPSINH :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan's ISI has been pushing through Indo-Pak borders fake Indian currency notes manufactured in Pakistan with a view to destabilise the Indian economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the seizure of fake Indian currency notes;

(c) the number of persons arrested and the action taken against them; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to check the smuggling of fake Indian currency notes from across the Indo-Pak Border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Circulation/seizure of fake currency notes has